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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Project Director  
Colonel James H. Macia, Jr., AFOIN  
Colonel William C. Odell, NSA  
Colonel Andrew E. McDavid, NTPC

**SUBJECT:** Liaison Arrangements Between NSA and  
NTPC Which Bear Upon Procurement of  
Read-out Equipment for Systems  
Three and Four

1. In the course of discussions held today between NSA, NTPC, AFOIN and CIA on the subject of numbers and kinds of racks required for reading out the product of Systems Three and Four, the following understandings were reached. This note for the record is made because the effectiveness of these liaison arrangements has a bearing upon possible needs of additional read-out equipment.

2. The understandings are as follows:

a. NSA will depend upon NTPC for making a duplicate tape of all non-ELINT signals detected on tapes received from System Four. (This makes it possible for NSA to forego the use of rack G and J.)

b. NTPC will depend upon NSA for a duplicate tape of all non-COMINT signals detected in its analysis in the product of System Three.

c. NSA and NTPC will insure action within their own organizations to keep close watch on whether the foregoing arrangements are effective. Barring further advice, CIA (Reber) will look to Colonel Odell and Colonel McDavid for

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notice as to whether such liaison is adequately effective.  
(The CIA interest here is twofold: 1) that the product of its operations properly reaches intelligence consumers who need the product of the operations and 2) on behalf of the persons concerned CIA would need to take procurement action should circumstances warrant.)

d. The liaison arrangements indicated in paragraphs a, and b, above will have their analogy in the COMINT-ELINT relationships as exist between the 6901st and IPC USAFE in the European theatre and the 6902nd and IPC FEAF in the Far East.

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